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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

INVENTOR: Souichi KATAGIRI, Ui YAMAGUCHI, Seiichi KONDO, Kan
YASUI and Yoshio KAWAMURAFOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANUFACTURING
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 6 sheets of ☐ formal ☐ informal drawings.
- ☒ A Notice of Priority to claim priority date of April 25, 2001.
- ☐ An assignment of the invention to _____.
- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement with PTO Form 1449
- ☒ An Unexecuted Declaration

- ☒ The filing fee is calculated as shown below:

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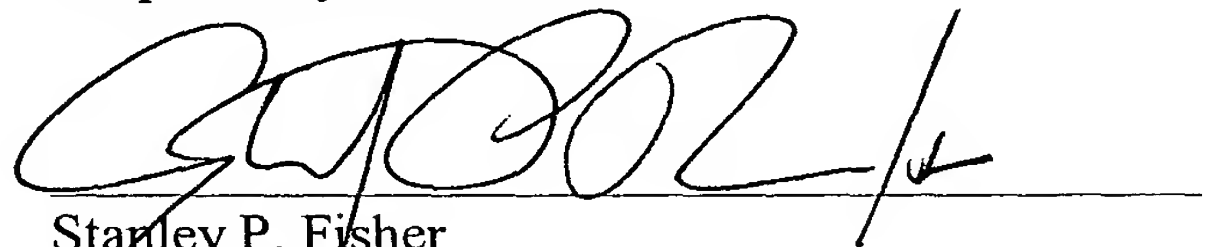
**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119
AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

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In the matter of the above-captioned application for a United States patent, notice is hereby given that the Applicant claims the priority date of April 25, 2001, the filing date of the corresponding Japanese patent application 2001-127043.

The certified copy of corresponding Japanese patent application 2001-127043 will be submitted as soon as received from Applicant. Acknowledgment of receipt of the certified copy is respectfully requested in due course.

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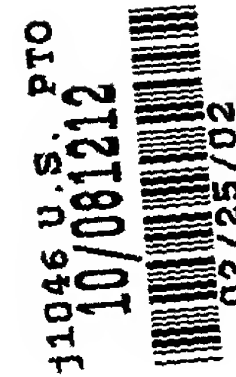


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List of prior references



1. Japanese Patent Laid-Open Hei 2-278822:
(Attached U.S.P. No. 4,954,142 and U.S.P. No. 5,084,071 being corresponded to Japanese Patent Laid-Open Hei 2-278822)
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6. Japanese Patent Laid-Open 2000-49122:
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